

Background on the United States Government Global Nutrition Coordination Plan

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Origin

In conjunction with the June 2013 Nutrition for Growth Summit in London, the U.S. Government committed to develop a whole-of-government global nutrition strategy. Through interagency discussion it became clear that what is needed is a coordination plan to help the various agencies to work more coherently together and better leverage and maximize use of scarce resources; the plan should cover all global U.S. Government nutrition work, including efforts to reduce both under-nutrition and over-nutrition (overweight and obesity). The process began in December 2013, and the goal is to finalize the U.S. Government Global Nutrition Coordination Plan in fall 2014.

Purpose

The purpose of the Global Nutrition Coordination Plan is better coordination of U.S. Government global nutrition investments in light of a modern understanding that malnutrition includes both over- and under-nutrition and requires a multi-sectoral approach. The Coordination Plan, therefore, will be an opportunity to discuss the multi-sector work U.S. Government agencies and their partners do within and beyond our borders to address global over- and under-nutrition, with the purpose of identifying specific opportunities and mechanisms for coordination/collaboration for improved impact. This will better align our efforts with the way that people and countries around the world experience nutrition, with the ultimate goal of improving people's health through more coordinated efforts.

Interagency Participation

Every effort is being made to include all agencies that work in global nutrition in the creation of the Coordination Plan. Currently, the following agencies are represented in the Technical Working Group.

- Agency for International Development
 - Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
 - Bureau for Food Security
 - Bureau for Global Health
- Department of Agriculture
 - Agricultural Research Service
 - Economic Research Service
 - Food and Nutrition Service
 - Food Safety and Inspection Service
 - Foreign Agricultural Service
 - National Institute of Food and Agriculture
 - Office of the Chief Scientist
- Health and Human Services
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - Food and Drug Administration
 - National Institutes of Health
 - Office of Global Affairs
- Department of the Treasury
- Department of State
 - Office of Global Food Security
 - Office of Global Health Diplomacy
 - Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator
- Millennium Challenge Corporation
- Peace Corps
- White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

A Steering Committee of principal level representatives from each of these agencies will participate at key points in the process to provide strategic guidance to the development of the U.S. Government Global Nutrition Coordination Plan.